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FROM USDEL TORREMOLINOS

1. SUMMARY: DURING SATURDAY SESSION, AT WHICH ISRAELI
DELEGATE WAS ABSENT, LEBANESE PROPOSAL TO CONDEMN ISRAEL
FOR DESTRUCTION OF LEBANESE COMMUNICATION CABLE WAS ADOPTED
BY PLENARY. END SUMMARY.

2. AT BEGINNING OF FRIDAY AFTERNOON PLENARY, LEBANON ASKED
CHAIR TO INCLUDE A SPECIAL ITEM ON AGENDA. CHAIR AGREED,
BUT TIME WAS INSUFFICIENT TO REACH ITEM.

3. SATURDAY MORNING LEBANESE DRAFT RESOLUTION (SENT
SEPTTEL) WAS FIRST ITEM. AFTER SLIGHT DELAY IN PRESENTING
TRANSLATED DOCUMENT TO PLENARY, ITEM WAS DISCUSSED.
ISRAELI DELEGATE WAS ABSENT, AS HE EXPLAINED TO PLENARY
ON MONDAY, BECAUSE OF THE SABBATH.

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4. USDEL GAVE INTERVENTION TO THE EFFECT THAT US FELT SYMPATHY FOR INJURY SUFFERED BY LEBANESE, BUT THAT CONFERENCE UNABLE TO PASS ON EVIDENCE TO CONDEMN SOVEREIGN STATE. SUGGESTED REFERENCE TO STATE OF ISRAEL BE DELETED. FURTHERMORE, THIS INCIDENT WAS BEST LEFT TO A MORE APPROPRIATELY INVESTIGATIVE AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATION, NAMELY THE UN.

5. LEBANESE RECEIVED DEFINITE, BUT ON THE WHOLE ONLY MILDLY POLEMIC, SUPPORT FOR ARABS. MANY AFRICANS AND EASTERN EUROPEANS SUPPORTED, AND THEIR SUPPORT WAS MORE POLEMIC THAN ARABS; E.G., USSR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND ZAIRE SAID LEBANESE RESOLUTION WAS TOO MODERATE.

6. MOST OTHER MEMBERS SYMPATHIZED WITH LEBANESE BUT SAID INSUFFICIENT PROOF HAD BEEN PRESENTED. BARBADOS MADE STRONG INTERVENTION IN THIS REGARD, SAYING EVEN THOUGH ISRAEL WAS ABSENT AND COULD NOT REPLY, PRIMA FACIE CASE HAD NOT EVEN BEEN MADE.

7. AFTER ATTEMPTS TO SOFTEN RESOLUTION MET WITH NO SUCCESS, PLENARY TOOK ROLL CALL VOTE AT REQUEST OF LEBANON.

8. RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED 64-4 (U.S., BARBADOS, NETHERLANDS, U.S. TERRITORIES) - 45.

9. THOUGH PRESENT AT SUNDAY PLENARY, ISRAELI DELEGATE MADE NO COMMENT ON ISSUE.

10. IN MONDAY SESSION IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF READING THE BLUE TEXT RETURNED FROM THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE, LEBANESE PROPOSAL ONCE AGAIN CAME BEFORE PLENARY FOR APPROVAL. ISRAELI GAVE LENGTHY, PERSUASIVE, IMPASSIONED INTERVENTION STATING, INTER ALIA, ITS INNOCENCE OF LEBANESE CHARGE. REQUESTED THAT VOTE BY SECRET BALLOT BE TAKEN ON THE TEXT. U.S. SUPPORTED REQUEST, AS DID NETHERLANDS AND BARBADOS, THOUGH ONLY U.S. SPECIFICALLY SUPPORTED SECRET BALLOT REQUEST.

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11. CHAIRMAN RULED INCORRECTLY THAT AT READING OF THE BLUE TEXT (THE FIRST READING IN PLENARY) PLENARY COULD ONLY MAKE EDITORIAL CHANGES TO TEXT, AS SUBSTANCE OF TEXT WAS FINAL. ISRAEL REPEATED REQUEST. CHAIR REPEATED INCORRECT RULING. USDEL SUPPORTED ISRAELI REQUEST AND REFERRED CHAIR TO PARA 763 OF MONTREUX CONVENTION. MATTER ENDED WITH CHAIR'S RULING STANDING AND LEBANESE RESOLUTION APPROVED WITHOUT MODIFICATION.

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